

Non-availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries

2210. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS beneficiaries are disappointed for non-availability of prescribed medicines and inordinate delay in admitting claims for re-imburement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) why, inspite of enhanced rates of contributions charged, the patient-doctor-staff ratio in dispensaries has not improved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Commonly used medicines, are available in the CGHS dispensaries. Medicines prescribed by Specialists, if not available, are procured from the Authorised Local Chemists against prescription. In emergencies, authority slips are issued to beneficiaries for immediate supply from the authorized local chemists.

The medical reimbursement claims in respect of serving Central Government employees are made by the respective Departments/Ministry whereas the medical claims in respect of Pensioners are processed by CGHS within a reasonable time. Regular monitoring is being done to avoid delays.

(c) The patient-doctor- staff ratio in the dispensaries has been provided in accordance with the prescribed norms.

Anti-tobacco campaign

2211. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for starting anti-tobacco campaigns in the country, especially against tobacco addiction in schools;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Government of India/World Health Organisation Collaborative Project on Tobacco Free Initiative, a project has been prepared on "School Health Educational Programme" under which literature for training of school teachers will be developed. Thereafter, 100 teachers each in four States will be trained who in turn will carry out campus campaigning in schools, propagating the adverse effects of tobacco consumption on human health. An analogous NGO-administered project "Tobacco Related Health Education and Health Action in the Schools of Delhi" is also under preparation.

Nursing Homes in Delhi

2212. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Nursing Homes in Delhi;
- (b) how many of them maintain incinerators for waste disposals;
- (c) whether Government are aware that many of the Nursing Homes waste disposals picked up by rag pickers, recycled and sold again in the market; and
- (d) if so, what steps have been taken to make it mandatory for nursing homes to install incinerators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Government of National Territory of Delhi has informed that the Directorate of Health Services do not have information about the total number of Nursing Homes and private hospitals in Delhi. However, 395 nursing homes/private hospital are registered with the Directorate.

(b) 16 private hospitals/nursing homes have installed incinerators so far.

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of Health Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.